

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	10 July 2019
Title of Report:	Fair Funding
Lead Member:	Councillor Jon Taylor (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation)
Lead Strategic Director:	Alison Botham (Director for Childrens Services)
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Your Reference:	AB.LJ.190619/3
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To provide an update into the impact of the introduction of the National Funding Formula within Schools

Recommendations and Reasons

Although maintained schools appear to be managing their budgets, it is unclear of any changes they have been forced to make to balance their budgets. It is proposed that the Local Authority engage with schools to investigate; Staffing reductions including Teaching Assistants, Increase in class sizes, collapsing the school day and concerns schools have for the children over the City.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None for the purpose of this briefing report.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

N/A

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Plymouth Schools remain underfunded compared to the rest of the country even after the introduction of the NFF.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

N/A

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

N/A

Appendices

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Judith Harwood

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 26/06/2019

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Jon Taylor (approved verbally)

Date approved: 21/06/2019